



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, 2009 marks the 72nd Annual June Dairy Month Celebration and offers an opportunity to honor Tennessee dairy farmers, milk processors and support industries, who provide consumers with a wide variety of fresh, safe, wholesome dairy products, that provide essential nutrients which are a vital part of a healthy diet; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee dairy farmers, milk processors and support industries are good community partners with a longstanding commitment to producing high quality products through the use of new technologies and environmental awareness; and

WHEREAS, dairy production generates \$202 million in annual farm income, and Tennessee is home to more than 530 licensed dairy farms and 20 dairy product processors that create hundreds of jobs and generate economic activity throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is proud of its dairy industry and the contribution it makes to our economy and the welfare of our citizens. We salute Tennessee dairy farmers, milk processors, support industries and their families for the strength and vitality they bring to their local communities, churches and schools throughout the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly enacted legislation in 2009 designating milk as the official state beverage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 2009 as

JUNE DAIRY MONTH

and urge all citizens to enjoy dairy products while recognizing the industry's contributions to our economy and our health.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 29th day of May, 2009.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Phil Bredesen".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lee Hargett".

Secretary of State